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Agricultural Marketing Service

Washington, DC 20250

Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, <u>all</u> vendors must also be registered in the CCR prior to bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-309

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

This Invitation is for Small Business Set-Aside <u>only</u>; see FAR 52.219-6 Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside.

Date Issued: July 23, 2007

Dry Edible Beans, Peas, and Lentils, Announcement FV-309, Invitation 031

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dry edible beans, peas, and lentils as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to needy family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Monday, August 6, 2007. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, August 20, 2007. Deliveries are to be made from October 1, 2007 through November 15, 2007.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dry Beans, Great Northern 25 lb bags 1,600 cases
Dry Beans, Pinto 25 lb bags 4,800 cases

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring this special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes which translates into a



connection of https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?. Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-309; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specification for Dry, Edible Beans, Peas and Lentils, dated April 2004; or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0239, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

Purchases of the commodities listed below will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-309, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk (*).

ANNOUNCEMENT: FV309 INVITATION : 031 COMM GROUP : 42 LEGUMES, DRY

COMM TYPE : 25 BEANS, GREAT NORTHERN, DRY PACK SIZE : 25 25 LB BAG

DESTINATION TRANS QUANTITY PRICE PER ITEM DESTINATION TRANS
CITY ST RESTR (CSE) (CSE) ____ -_-DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/07 - 10/15/07 1,600 001 INDEPENDENCE MO 1,600 TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE

COMM TYPE : 30 BEANS, PINTO, DRY PACK SIZE : 25 25 LB BAG

TEM DESTINATION TRANS QUANTITY PRICE PER NO CITY ST RESTR (CSE) (CSE) ITEM DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/07 - 10/15/07 1,600 002 INDEPENDENCE MO 003 POMONA CA TRUCK ONLY 1,600 DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/07 - 11/15/07 004 POMONA CA TRUCK ONLY 1,600

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 4,800

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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION

6,400

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